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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Dry Powder Cells and Cell Culture Reagents and Methods of
Production Thereof**
Inventors: FIKE *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4290005/SRL/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of Substance of Interview;
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the RCE fee; and
4. Return postcard.


It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Further to the Interview Summary mailed on April 24, 2006, Applicants submit the following Statement of the Substance of the Interview conducted on April 3, 2006.

During the interview, Applicants' representative, Douglas Golightly, and the Examiner discussed amending claim 27 to replace the term "supports." The Examiner indicated that she would consider entering amendments of the claims upon their presentation in the next Reply.

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